

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

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HAM OF THE YEAR  
N8GWN JIM ROBB  
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
K8QBZ RICHARD HUGGLER  
ALPENA MI

DECEMBER 2008

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Welcome to the month of December. Is December going to be like it should, like the end of November looked like December, or are we in for a warm up. Who knows, maybe we are going to have a old fashion Winter like I remember back in the mid fifties. This early arrival of snow has given me a chance to try out the new snowblower, it works, that's all I have to know, don't need to run it anymore, but I'm sure that won't be the case.

I was just thinking there has been a lot happen in the world since the last newsletter. We have a new President, the government has given away several more trillion of our dollars, the auto makers say that they need help, and there has been a major terrorist attack in India. On the bright side the bands seem to offering more opportunities for Ham Radio Operators. Twenty is offering some DX, ten meters shows some occasional like, 160 has been good, and I am hoping for some good six meter "E" skip in December. We have enjoyed some long distance checkins on the Net. I was sure surprised to hear Joe, AB8N from Georgia and Jerry WB8JLO from Tennessee on a couple of my Saturday sessions in November. Also we still continue to get new checkins from the Great Lakes area. I am glad our Net keeps growing.

Do you have your letter to Santa all ready to go? I haven't heard what the "hot" gift for this year is supposed to be? Be sure to include a few Ham Radio items on that list. I have a few on mine. Most of all think of those less fortunate than you and do what you can to help make their Christmas special. So if you can do a little or do a lot, let the holiday spirit guide you in your choice. Borrowing a phrase from Bill Pasternack of Newslines, "From the editors desk" Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 WA8QIS & BETTY	5 W8NSH DAVE KC8NVI & KC8QII	6
7	8	9 W8SKS STAN & DONNA	10	11 K8CIA PAUL	12	13
14 N8SJD CHET	15	16 WT8G GERRY & LINDA	17 KN8N LARRY	18 BETTY XYL OF WA8QIS	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 AMY DAUGHTER OF WA8THK KC8TCXT & BARB	31 W8ERB WALT & MARIE			

## EXAMS

02-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** [KB8RADON@AOL.COM](mailto:KB8RADON@AOL.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)  
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DOWNSTAIRS LANSING, MI 48910

02-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** HAZEL PARK ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DEE D FLINT (248)981-8145 **Email:** [N8UZE@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8UZE@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 14300 OAK PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION URGED CHECKIN @ 7 - TEST 7:30 PM OAK PARK, MI 48237

06-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** [K8EDS@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8EDS@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

06-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** TOP OF MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHAD W JOHNSTON (989)705-9322 **Email:** [CHAD@NUWAYSUPPLY.COM](mailto:CHAD@NUWAYSUPPLY.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)  
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09-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** LIVINGSTON ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GEORGE BRUCE VAN DAM (313)999-5547 **Email:** [BVANDAM@COMCAST.NET](mailto:BVANDAM@COMCAST.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)  
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12-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** GRAND RAPIDS ARA **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H DOUGLAS (616)531-6218 **Email:** [KC8NKA@ARRL.NET](mailto:KC8NKA@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)  
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13-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER (810)614-6199 **Email:** [K8KZB@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8KZB@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120 PRE-REGISTER REGISTRATION AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

13-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** EASTERN MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT G HERBERT (810)982-1561 **Email:** [K8WMW@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8WMW@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ST CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 210 MCMORRAN BLVD PORT HURON, MI 48060

13-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** MIDLAND ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GLENN U BOGGS (989)835-9112 **Email:** [GUBEBOGGS@AOL.COM](mailto:GUBEBOGGS@AOL.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY 330 S WALDO AVE MIDLAND, MI 48642

13-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No walk-ins)  
**Contact:** ROGER F PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:** [MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM](mailto:MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM) **VEC:**  
ARRL/VEC **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BUILDING 4624 PACKARD ST ANN ARBOR,  
MI 48108

15-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** USECA ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOSEPH P  
KENNEDY (586)977-7222 **Email:** [N8OZ@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8OZ@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** W5YI VEC **Location:**  
[HTTP://USECAARC.COM/TEST/](http://USECAARC.COM/TEST/) FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

18-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:**  
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**Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 712 CORUNNA AVE REGISTER AT 6:30 PM CORUNNA, MI  
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20-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** CASCADES ARS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H  
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20-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** GENESEE COUNTY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
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BRANCH CAMPUS FENTON/FLINT, MI 48430

03-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:**  
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## HAMFEST

Dec 7, 2008 + Amateur Radio Computer Swap L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club <http://www.n8lc.org>  
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FROM BOB WD8RZL

## VICKS VAPO RUB INTERESTING

During a lecture on Essential Oils, they told us how the foot soles can absorb oils. Their example: Put garlic on your feet and within 20 minutes you can 'taste' it.

Some of us have used Vicks Vapo rub for years for everything from chapped lips to sore toes and many body parts in between. But I've never heard of this. And don't laugh, it works 100% of the time, although the scientists who discovered it aren't sure why. To stop night time coughing in a child (or adult as we found out personally), put Vicks Vapo rub generously on the bottom of the feet at bedtime, then cover with socks. Even persistent, heavy, deep coughing will stop in about 5 minutes and stay stopped for many, many hours of relief. Works 100% of the time and is more effective in children than even very strong prescription cough medicines. In addition it is extremely soothing and comfortin g and they will sleep soundly.

Just happened to tune in A.M. Radio and picked up this guy talking about why cough medicines in kids often do more harm than good, due to the chemical makeup of these strong drugs so, I listened. It was a surprise finding and found to be more effective than prescribed medicines for children at bedtime, in addition to have a soothing and calming effect on sick children who then went on to sleep soundly.

My wife tried it on herself when she had a very deep constant and persistent cough a few weeks ago and it worked 100%! She said that it felt like a warm blanket had enveloped her, coughing stopped in a few minutes and believe me, this was a deep, ( incredibly annoying!) every few seconds uncontrollable cough, and she slept cough-free for hours every night that she used it.

If you have grandchildren, pass this on. If you end up sick, try it yourself and you will be absolutely amazed at how it works.

**DON'T SHUN THIS ONE.. TRY IT THE NEXT TIME YOU GET A BAD COLD.**

Via Ohio-Penn DX Bulletin

For release: November 12, 2008

Contact: Richard Ross, K2MGA Armond Noble, N6WR

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## CQ COMMUNICATIONS ACQUIRES WORLDRADIO MAGAZINE

(Hicksville, NY and Sacramento, CA, November 12, 2008) -- CQ

Communications, Inc. has acquired "WorldRadio" magazine, CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA and "WorldRadio" Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, announced jointly today. CQ, based in Hicksville, New York, currently publishes "CQ Amateur Radio, CQ VHF" and "Popular Communications" magazines.

"WorldRadio", based in Sacramento, California, has been published monthly since July, 1971, with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. "CQ", a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, has been in print since

January, 1945 Armond Noble, N6WR, Publisher of "WorldRadio", said that at the age of 74 the time had come for him to retire. "I wanted to be sure that 'WorldRadio' found a good home, and that our readers would continue to be served by an independent voice in amateur radio," Noble said.

"CQ" Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said, "'WorldRadio' has filled an important niche in our hobby for nearly four decades. We welcome 'WorldRadio's' readers to the CQ family, and we look forward to meeting their needs for many years to come." Current plans call for "WorldRadio" to continue to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. "WorldRadio" subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to "CQ" magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.

Jim, KR1S

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## WHY WHY

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him

Is there ever a day that mattresses Are not on sale?

FROM JIM WEAVER GREAT LAKE DIVISION DIRECTOR

++ String of dits QRM solved +++

In a perfect example of inter- and intra-organization cooperation, the source of a continuous string of dits transmitted on the 40 meter band was located and resolved. The offending signal was reported to HQ by an amateur in North Carolina one recent morning. This brought the crew into action.

The folks at HQ contacted the FCC's HFDFing station and requested the general location of the transmission if the staff there could spare the time. The report came back that it was coming from a suburb of Columbus, OH.

Ohio Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swaim, KK8O, was notified of the problem and volunteered to tackle the task of locating the source and getting it turned off. Unfortunately, no one in the vicinity of the transmitting site was able to hear the dits the rest of this first day. The next morning the signal was readily heard throughout the area.

Rick contacted Ohio Assistant Section Manager, Bill Carpenter, AA8EY for assistance. Bill lives in the area from which the signal was coming. Together, Bill and Rick in their respective cars found the source of the dits and were able to turn the transmitter off.

No one knows for certain what caused the transmissions. However, the owner of the station had left the transmitter on when he left for work. He operated CW and uses a set of paddles with a keyer. No one -- except the pet cat -- was at home when the long series of dits were transmitted. This leaves everyone involved believing the cat somehow pushed against the paddle to activate the transmitter.

With the only suspect in this case being the cat, does this make it a possible feline felon? Will we soon have FE1INE join K9DOG on the bands?

FROM JOHN, N8YSS

Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas, and oil, The Light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off.

We apologize for the inconvenience

## **GREAT IDEA!!**

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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